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- 1. The Komorow Barracks at Subin, Poland, are located on the road from Gubin to Krosno and consist of three groups of buildings. The first group, which is located on the left side of the road crakilometer beyond Gubin, consists of six buildings, each of which is 80 by 15 meters in area and three stories high, for housing enlisted men; a garage for about 20 trucks; a car recair workshop; and damaged stables. The second group of installations, located on the right-hand side of the Cubin-Krosno road opposite the first group, consists of seven more buildings, also 80 by 15 meters and three stories high, for quartering troops; a gymnasium; and wooden garages where about 20 ZIS trucks were observed. A third group of buildings about 500 meters further in the direction of Krosno on the right-hand side of the road includes six buildings for enlisted men. All three groups of buildings are surrounded by brick walls two meters high. Every second brick is missing; thus it is possible for everyone to see through. There is a 20 kilometer per hour speed restriction for automobile traffic along the road in the barracks area.
- 2. It is estimated that approximately 7,000 men are stationed in this area. Some of the soldiers have black hatbands; others have red bands, All soldiers seen on duty were armed with automatic ristols. Officers and their families are quartered in about 40 one- and two-family houses, Sherman tanks, Studebaker trucks pulling antitank cannon, and h-ton ZI trucks carrying covered rocket launchers (not more than three vehicles at a time) were frequently observed in the area. Armored cars were also seen on several occasions.
- 3. There are a number of firing ranges. One pre-1945 range was inherited from the Germans; there are two to three shooting ranges for distances up to 2,000 meters, each separated from the other by earth dams. In addition there is an open sand range for pistol training for distances up to about 40 meters, and a newly constructed range for distances up to about 1,300 meters; the latter consists of one broad wall for the targets about 300 meters wide and can be used by many soldiers at once.
- 4. The caserne at Gubin, Poland, was occupied by a MOP unit prior to June-July 1952, when it was taken over by Military Unit 2731. The caserne is located at the Gubin Railroad Station. It consists of eight barracks for enlisted men (80 by 15 meters in area and three stories high), two of watch

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contain kitchens and mess halls; one office building; one large motor pool; one gymnasium; and several maintenance buildings, one of them a pigsty for 100 pigs. Fourteen three-story apartment buildings, each containing six apartments, house the officers and their families; they are located at ul. Morska, about 1.5 kilometers away from the caserne. Captains and officers of higher rank inhabit one- and two-family dwellings at ul. Armii Czerwonej.

5. The estimated strength of Unit 2731 is 2,500 men. The commanding officer is an unidentified Polish major. Most of the soldiers have red hatbands, but some have black ones. Although weapons were not observed at the caserne, it is possible that heavy weapons may be there.